

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0050822-08-0

Permittee: Seneca Foods Corporation Mayville, PO Box 27, MAYVILLE, WI, 53050

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Seneca Foods Corporation Mayville, 500 S CLARK ST

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed tributary to the East Branch of the Rock River (Outfall 013), unnamed wetlands in the Rock River Basin (Outfall 014), and groundwaters of the Rock River Drainage Basin via Spray Irrigation.

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Seneca Foods Mayville (Seneca) is an existing discharger. Seneca cans peas, corn, and mixed vegetables. Production, pack season, at this facility is June through October. During this time period the facility operates 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Process wastewater and can cooling water are spray irrigated via three force mains. Wells are located around separate zones of the spray irrigation fields to monitor the groundwater. Byproduct solids are hauled off site. Process wastewater, byproduct solids, and silage leachate can be land applied under this permit.

Outfall 013, also known as North Drain Tile, is located in Spray Field G. This drain tile is closed after the pack season and reopened in the spring prior to the start of the pack season to allow the field to dry out. No samples are taken when the drain tile is closed but the permittee shall report zeros on the eDMR to indicate no discharge. Data at this outfall historically has indicated that BOD exceedances are likely and therefore Seneca has implemented a process of recirculating the water discharged from the drain tile back to the spray field therefore, there is typically no discharge to the unnamed tributary. This permit authorizes discharge to the unnamed tributary when Seneca is able to meet effluent limitations and therefore includes required monitoring and limitations. Samples are taken from the pump line prior to discharge to the waterway after a sump. Discharge from this outfall includes rainwater, groundwater, and treated wastewater or any combination of these waters.

Outfall 014, also known as South Drain Tile, is located in Spray Field H. This drain tile is also closed after the pack season and reopened in the spring prior to the pack season. This drain tile drains to an agricultural ditch that becomes a grassed swale prior to discharge to a wetland complex that eventually discharges to a surface water. The Department completed an assessment of the discharge from Outfall 014 and determined that this outfall discharges to a wetland. Discharge from this outfall includes rainwater, groundwater, and treated wastewater or any combination of these waters. Flow is monitored by hand using the bucket method currently. Samples are taken from the outfall pipe after a sump prior to discharge to the waterway. The permittee reports zero when there is no flow and is not required to monitor when the tile is closed.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, WI, 53032, (920) 387-7886, Jennifer.Jerich@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Alan Hopfensperger, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 576-8991, Alan.Hopfensperger@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 387-7886 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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